Transportation;<sup>3</sup> (2) Autocar II will maintain sufficient liability insurance; (3) Autocar II is not domiciled in Mexico or owned or controlled by persons of that country; and (4) approval of the transaction will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources. Additional information may be obtained from applicants' representatives.

Under 49 U.S.C. 14303, we must approve and authorize a transaction we find consistent with the public interest, taking into consideration at least: (1) the effect of the transaction on the adequacy of transportation to the public; (2) the total fixed charges that result; and (3) the interest of affected carrier employees.

On the basis of the application, we find that the proposed acquisition of control is consistent with the public interest and should be authorized. If any opposing comments are timely filed, this finding will be deemed vacated and, unless a final decision can be made on the record as developed, a procedural schedule will be adopted to reconsider the application.<sup>4</sup> If no opposing comments are filed by the expiration of the comment period, this decision will take effect automatically and will be the final Board action.

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This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. The proposed acquisition of control is approved and authorized, subject to the filing of opposing comments.

2. If timely opposing comments are filed, the findings made in this decision will be deemed as having been vacated.

3. This decision will be effective on March 15, 1999, unless timely opposing comments are filed.

4. A copy of this notice will be served on: (1) the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Motor Carriers-HIA 30, 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024; and (2) the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 10th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530.

Decided: January 21, 1999.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Clyburn.

## Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "The Treasury of St. Francis of Assisi"

**AGENCY:** United States Information Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 F.R. 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 F.R. 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "The Treasury of St. Francis of Assisi," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, from on or about March 15, 1999, to on or about June 27, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal** Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the list of exhibit objects or for further information, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Information Agency, at 202/619–6982, or USIA, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547–0001.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

## Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Autocar I holds a satisfactory rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Because it will be a new carrier following the amalgamation, Autocar II holds no safety rating.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Under revised 49 CFR 1182.6(c), a procedural schedule will not be issued if we are able to dispose of opposition to the application on the basis of comments and the reply.